



## Glamorgan Vale State School

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

#### *Thought for the Week:*

Nothing shows a person's character more than what they laugh at. *Johann von Goethe*

### Sport Captains

Congratulations to the students that were voted in as House Captains for this year. The Blue team have Callum Bond as the Captain and Christian Sokoll as the Vice Captain. The Gold Team have Taneesha Beattie as Captain and Rory McIntyre as Vice Captain. These students and the School Captains and Prefect will make up the student council.

### Easter Raffle

Easter isn't too far away so it is time to start thinking about our annual Easter Raffle. We ask for a small donation of prizes from each family to put towards the raffle. Once we have our prizes organised, we will be sending home the raffle tickets for you to buy/sell. The money raised from this raffle and will be used to purchase additional resources for the students. Please give these donations to Mr Rickuss.

### Grandparents Day

We have moved Grandparents Day forward by one week to Friday 27 March. This important day of the year is only 5 weeks away. Please be sure to tell Grandparents and Community Treasures about this special day and for them to keep it free. Once again, if you know of a community member who is not a current Grandparent, who would like to come, please let Mrs Nielsen know by sending in the form at the end of the newsletter.

#### **Dates to mark in your calendar:**

**Tues 24 Feb** QT to take photos of Preps

**Thurs 12 March** 'Power of One' anti-bullying presentation

**Tues 17 March** School Photos

**Fri 27 March** Grandparents Day

**Wed 8 April** Readers' Cup

**Thurs 9 April** Last Day of term.

**Tues 21 April** Term 2 begins

**12 – 14 May** 3, 5, 7 National Testing of Literacy and Numeracy.

**22 – 24 June** 4 – 7 Camp at Currimundi with Cluster Schools

**Mon 24 Aug** Opera Performance 1.45pm

### Interschool Sport

Interschool sport for students in Years 5-7 will begin Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks. This term the sports will be Newcomb ball (a variation on volleyball) and T-Ball. This year we have considered hiring a bus to transport the students to and from sport on the Fridays we are having away games. The cost of the bus will be \$7.50 per student per week. As we will most likely have 3 away games, the total cost for the term would be \$22.50. Please sign the form at the end of the newsletter to give permission for your child to participate in interschool sport and please indicate if you support the students travelling by bus.

**Student Leader News** This Friday the Student Council is holding a free dress day with a Gold Coin donation. The money raised will be given to the Red Cross for the Victoria Fire Appeal.

### Triennial School Review

Once again this year we will be participating in a Triennial School Review. Although we only did this in 2007, we have been asked to create another plan to bring us into line with our cluster schools. By aligning with our cluster schools it allows us to participate in professional development opportunities with them and keep costs low. To start the process this year, I have added a vision statement at the end of the Glamorgan Vale State School Newsletter

newsletter. This statement is how the staff of Glamorgan Vale and I would like to see the school at the end of the 3 year plan. I ask that you read the statement and make comments. Please add to it or delete parts that you feel are inappropriate to our school. Please return to school by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

*Happy Birthday! to Georgia Spicer, who celebrates her special day this week.*

### **This Week's Awards were presented to:**

Caine Schuback for working hard throughout the day.  
Wade Voss for working hard at sequencing activities.  
Ethan Zahnow for always trying his best.  
Shakira Besgrove for consistently being on task.  
Nadine Schiefelbein for working hard for Readers Cup.  
Owen Heynes for excellent contributions to class discussions.



### **Photos in the Media**

As the local newspapers have contacted us about photographing and publishing our Prep students and School Leaders for 2009, it is necessary for you to give your permission for this to occur. We ask **all families** to please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return by the end of this week would be appreciated.

The date for Prep photos has been booked for 9am Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. As yet we have not been notified of when the QT will visit to take the Captains photos, but we would like to have all the permission slips back ASAP.

**Tennis Coaching** We have been in contact with the tennis coaches from the Tall Gums Tennis Centre at Walloon and have been advised that before school coaching on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning at our school will be possible this term, provided that we have a minimum of 6 students. The cost is \$12 per student per week. It is not necessary for a child to own a tennis racquet, as the coaches can loan a racquet for the lesson. Tennis is great fun and also great exercise – especially good to start the day off energised. Lessons are open to children from Prep through to Year 7. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return to the school office by the end of this week. **(As of today, we only have 4 students who have indicated their interest – we need to have at least 6.)**

**Library News** Our school's Reader's Cup Competition will be held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. This involves students from Years 4-7. More details will be advised as the date approaches.  
Library Day for Years 5, 6 & 7 is Wednesday. Library Day for Prep, Yr 1, 2, 3 & 4 is Thursday. Please ensure that your child brings along their library book on these days.

### **Numeracy – how families and schools can work together**

To support your child's efforts at school you can continue the lessons they learn in the classroom by helping them to develop their numeracy skills at home.

You may feel that the maths your children do at school is different to what you were taught, but you can help in many ways:

- help your child to enjoy the maths they do at school by offering encouragement and asking about the work they bring home from school
- when travelling, play games such as counting the cars by colour or if you are travelling by bus or train ask your child to read the timetable to decide what time you'll get home
- talk to your child about how numeracy is related to sports – to keep score, measure distance and indicate time
- involve your child when preparing a meal and help them decide how much food to prepare for the whole family and whether there will be enough ingredients
- when shopping, use the catalogue specials to talk about discounts and whether it is cheaper to buy larger-sized products or a few smaller products
- talk with your child's teacher about numeracy at home and at school and raise any concerns with them.

For more ideas on helping your child with their numeracy visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/)

*Fun facts: Did you know that 4,667kg of tea is being produced every minute. Tea is the most consumed beverage in the world, after water. There are three kinds of tea, green, black and oolong. Black tea is made by tearing fresh picked leaves from the tea plant & exposing them to air. The chemical reaction causes the leaves to turn black. India is the largest tea producer in the world.*

**Update on Ring-pull project** For those families who are new to the school, during last year one of our students kicked off an appeal for unwanted ring-pulls (from aluminium cans). These are being sent overseas (through the Fernvale Post Office) to a doctor in a third world country who has devised a method of melting down the titanium in these ring-pulls to construct artificial limbs for children who have been tragically injured through land mines. From 1kg of these tiny tops that would otherwise be thrown away, a pair of prosthetic legs can be manufactured. This is a wonderful on-going project, so please keep sending along all your ring-pulls and hand them to Megan Francis, who is our school co-ordinator. We have also been advised that a portion of the donations are now being used for wheelchairs in Australia. Please help whenever you can.

### **The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back**

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students. This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

#### **Are you eligible?**

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

#### **What can you claim?**

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
- educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- stationery and art supplies
- school textbooks and associated learning materials
- safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.



Expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear.

#### **When can you claim?**

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

#### **Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.**

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

For more information:

visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

phone the Tax Office on **13 28 61**.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

**Lowood / Fernvale Hairstylist** February specials: 5 foils for \$25, 4 splices for \$25, eyebrow wax \$5, eyelash tint \$8. Phone: 54 261434 – 75 Main Street, Lowood or 54 270300 – 102 Brisbane Valley Highway, Fernvale.

**Bike Repairs** Selling second hand bikes and parts. All bike repairs done promptly. Phone Eric on 54262470 or call at 8 Park Street, LOWOOD.

*Joke of the Week:*  
*'What do lions call people in safari jeeps?'*  
*Meals on wheels!*

**Lowood Scouts** (open to boys and girls) The Scout Den is located in Haslingden Park Drive (off James Street) Lowood. Section times:

Joey Scouts: Tuesday, 4.30 – 5.30pm Cub Scouts: Thursday, 4.30 – 6.30pm Scouts: Thursday, 6.45 – 8.45pm. For more information contact John Palmer on 54246345 or 0409 472780. The emphasis is on fun and friendship and a gentle introduction to a world of challenges and adventures through Scouting.

**Host Families for Exchange Students** World Education Program is looking for volunteer host families for international students arriving in July. The Secondary school students are from France, Germany, Italy and Belgium and are keen to start corresponding with a family they can call their own and learn about the place they will call home. Contact Nikki Medwell for an information pack: (03) 9598 4733 or 1300 884733 or [nikkimedwell@wep.org.au](mailto:nikkimedwell@wep.org.au)

**Yoga** Classes will be commencing after Easter on Wednesday, 22 April 6.30pm – 8pm at the Fernvale Futures Complex. Enquiries phone Darren or Jackie Bate on 54266 235.

**Esk Library – special event** Somerset Regional Council Libraries in conjunction with The Courier Mail Little Big Book Club are presenting a very exciting event at the new Esk Library: a visit by famous Australian children’s author and illustrator, Jeannette Rowe. Jeannette has written numerous books for young children, including the series ‘Whose’, ‘YoYo’, ‘My’ and ‘SmartyCat’ books. Please join us for this free event! The festivities will begin at 10am, Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at the library located at 19 Heap Street, Esk. The session is aimed at young people aged under 7 years, but helpers, parents, grandparents and carers are also welcome. Bookings are essential by phoning Anita Aurisch on 54244079 or [aurisch@somerset.qld.gov.au](mailto:aurisch@somerset.qld.gov.au) by 27.2.09.

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***Please return to the school office by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 ALL FAMILIES!***

**Publication of student photos in the media**

I, ..... do / do not (please cross out which is not applicable) give permission for my child’s / children’s ..... photos to be published in the local newspapers. (Names of the children will be listed alphabetically, not in the order in which they appear in the photos.)

Signature of parent: ..... Date: .....

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***Please return to the school office by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009***

**Tennis Coaching – 2009**

My child, ..... would like to participate in tennis coaching before school this year. I understand the cost of \$12 per student per week is paid directly to the coach.

Signature of Parent: .....

**Grandparents Day 2009**

I would like to add a 'Community Treasure' to the invitation list for this year's Grandparents Day.

Name/s (and address if possible):

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Submitted by: .....

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*(please return to Mr Rickuss ASAP)*

**Year 5-7 Interschool Newcomb ball & T-Ball – Term 1 2009**

I give permission for my child/children ..... to participate in Friday afternoon interschool sport for 6 weeks beginning Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Bus Travel (tick one)

I support the students travelling to and from interschool sport on away weeks. I understand that the cost will be \$7.50/week for each student.

I do not support the students travelling to and from interschool sport on away weeks by bus. I am available to transport \_\_\_\_ (number) students in my car on these Fridays.

Signature of Parent: .....

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Please read and make comments on the aspiration overview of Glamorgan Vale State School. Please add in or delete parts of this overview and return to Mr Rickuss by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Glamorgan Vale State School**



Glamorgan Vale State School staff, students and families work together as a team,

building relationships with purpose and spirit. Our students make an impact as citizens

in a global society. They are well equipped in life skills which enable them to contribute to their

community positively and purposefully. Our students are confident and proud of their achievements.

They develop leadership skills and understand the advantages of working together as a team to achieve their academic, sporting and creative goals.

Our students are able to apply problem solving strategies in a range of applications, and have strong literacy and numeracy. They are information architects and have skills and confidence in the use of

computers and other new technologies. Our students share the vision of the staff which prioritises values and morals, in particular, consideration, respect, responsibility and honesty. Our students have empathy for all cultures and appreciate that everyone is deserving of respect in our society.

At Glamorgan Vale we recognise all students as individuals, and acknowledge that respect between students and staff is central to harmony and success in the classroom. We provide consistent programs incorporating meaningful learning experiences that empower students to take responsibility for their learning. Our behaviour management system both inside and outside the classroom is clear and consistent. We have a working behaviour framework that brings consistency between home and school.

Staff at Glamorgan Vale are regularly involved in researching innovative teaching techniques and in the utilisation of community resources to deliver powerful learning experiences. We understand that students learn in different ways. Teachers have respect for all students, based on realistic ideas and expectations. Students' opinions are valued and are a basis for classroom learning decisions.

Our staff appreciate and praise student differences and respond to them by incorporating various teaching styles and teaching techniques. We have skills and knowledge and support each other, and parents, by working collaboratively to ensure understanding of the styles of curriculum we are teaching.

Assessment is recognised as an integrated and natural element of learning. Students are well prepared and aware of assessment criteria and expected standards, prior to the commencement of units. A variety of assessment opportunities cater for individual learning styles. Wherever possible we meet together with the students and their parents and caregivers, to discuss the student's achievements and progress.

All staff and students live up to the high level of our shared school values. We celebrate the achievements of our students and promote and display these throughout the community. Our staff and students are proud to be part of the team that is Glamorgan Vale State School.

Glamorgan Vale State School  
**P&C ROUNDUP**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**P&C Executive**

President: Brett Freese - 54 266 320  
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Secretary: Karen Dunbar - 0437 929 792  
Email : pciti18@eq.edu.au

**Meal Deal Fund Raiser**

A reminder that if you haven't done so, to get your Meal Deal orders in by Thursday morning. Remember this is a fundraiser for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal with all proceeds from the day going to this appeal.

**Red Cross Donations**

As per the note that went home on Monday, please ensure any items you wish to donate to the Red Cross are dropped off at the School by early Thursday morning so that they can be transported to Ipswich.

**Tuckshop Roster**

Thank you to those people who nominated to help with the tuckshop roster. Without your support we simply couldn't offer this great service.

**P&C Meeting**

P&C Meetings are held every month at the school normally on the second Wednesday evening of each month.. The next P&C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** commencing at **6:30pm**. Please come along and have your input into the P&C.

The AGM will be held two weeks later on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** starting with a shared tea from **6pm**. Please bring a plate along to share for tea. The meeting will kick off at around 6:30pm.

**NRL Footy Tipping Contest**

A reminder that the NRL Footy tipping forms and money are due back on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the flyer attached for details.

**School Disco**

The first P&C School Disco is on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** at the Hall from **6:30 - 8:30pm**. The theme for this one will be 'Black Friday'. More details in the next edition of the Roundup.

**Winter School Uniforms**

A new Winter Uniform Order form will be available soon. Unfortunately there have been some price rises from our supplier which we have no choice but to pass on. We've tried to keep the rises to a minimum.

**Working Bee in April**

Pencil in the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009 for our first working bee of the year. More details, including a list of jobs as the day draws near.

**Fundraising Results**

The profit results of the last couple of our fundraisers :

Christmas Raffle - \$214

Australia Day Catering - \$516

Well done! Thankyou for your support.

## P&C Welcome Morning Tea

Here are photos from last week's Welcome New Families Morning Tea :




Antony Lenehan cutting the cake - his son Rosh is in Grade 1.


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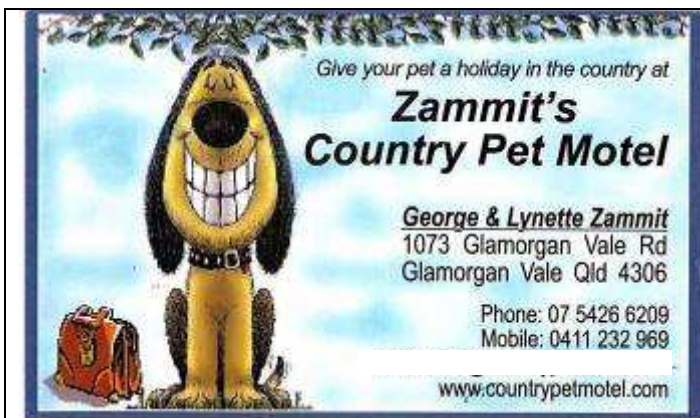
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## Community Billboard

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### Dates to Remember

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – NRL Footy Tipping forms due back.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – P&C meeting - 6:30pm
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 'Black Friday' School disco -6:30 – 8:30pm.
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – P&C AGM – 6pm
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Working Bee at the School.

### Tennis Club Day

The Glamorgan Vale Tennis Club will be running a Social tennis Day from 10am on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Everyone, no matter what skill level is encouraged to come along. There will be bbq food and drinks on sale. Hope to see you there!

### Movie Night down at the Hall

The Glamorgan Vale Community Hall Association will be holding a Movie night on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** where the media presentations from the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be rerun along with some footage from the Gala. There will also be a film shown. Keep an eye out for some flyers with more details soon!